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To MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM HEATH

Head Quarters, September 29, 1779.

Dear Sir: General Du portail proposes to reconnoitre the Enemy's situation upon Verplanks point tomorrow Morning. He will apply to you for a proper covering party¹ and will fix the time of their being at Peekskill in the Morning. Be pleased to give orders for the party. I am, etc.²

[MS.H.S.]

¹he covering party was 300 strong. ¹he British were alarmed, opened upon the party with their artillery, and sent a reenforcement to the Verplancks works from Stony Point.

²n the writing of Tench Tilghman.